

What The Bible Teaches on
HEALTH and HEALING
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God is the Healer and He protects those who belong to Him.

(a) Personal Healing

(1) 2 Chronicles 30:15-20

Those who ate from the Passover sacrifice when they were ceremonially unclean were in danger of punishment from God as indicated in the Law of Moses. King Hezekiah prayed for his people to be spared on this occasion, and they were.

(2) Job 5:17-18

Eliphaz, one of the friends of Job, describes God as the One who afflicts and also heals.

(3) Psalm 6:2; Psalm 30:2; Psalm 41:4; Psalm 103:3; Psalm 107:20; Psalm 147:3

In all of these passages the Psalmist calls upon God as the Healer.

(4) Psalm 91:1-16

This Psalm contains many precious promises for protection from epidemics, accidents and natural disasters.

(5) Proverbs 3:7-8; Proverbs 4:20-22

The wise man describes the secret of health and healing: obedience

to God and His word.

(b) National Healing

God promises His healing not only for personal sickness. He also heals the ills that beset the entire nation.

(1) Jeremiah 14:19 -22

The prophet laments the state of the nation, and declares God as the only One able to bring healing.

(2) Jeremiah 30:12-22

Jeremiah laments that the nation's wounds were incurable, but then brings the promise of God's pity and healing.

(3) Jeremiah 33:1-9

Again, national healing is promised if the people called to God when afflicted on account of their sins.

(4) Hosea 14:1-6

Israel's sins caused her downfall, but there is promise of national healing if the nation heeded God's word and turned to Him.

(c) Conditions for healing

(1) 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

This is the well-known promise that God made in answer to the

prayers of King Solomon at the consecration of the temple. God would heal the land, but it depends on His people. They first have to humble themselves, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways.

(2) Isaiah 19:19-22

God makes the same promise to Egypt as he made to Israel: having afflicted them when they sinned, he would hear their prayers for healing when they repented.

(3) Isaiah 57:14-19

These are again promises of healing when the people turn away from sin.

(4) Isaiah 58:6-9

Healing is one of the rewards of fasting and praying when done in a manner acceptable to God.